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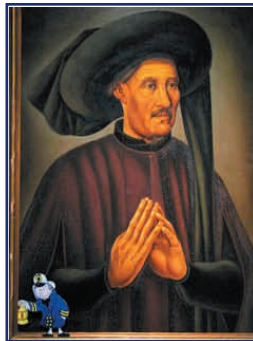
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Commander's Farewell Message Cdr Marc A. Forlenza, AP

A year has almost come and gone since I assumed the responsibilities of Commander of the Friday Harbor Power Squadron, and I can only say thank you to all our members. You have been an exceedingly dynamic and hard working group. You've volunteered without hesitation and preformed multiple tasks without asking that helped make the numerous activities and programs of the past year flow as smoothly as silk. In short you've made it a delight to be your Commander, and quite simply I had fun doing so.



I don't really have any parting words of wisdom, but I do have an historical observation that may be of some interest. My wife and I recently had the opportunity

to visit the city of Sagres on the southwest coast of Portugal. Sagres is perhaps best known as the home of Henry the Navigator (1394-1460) for the last 22 years of his life. It was here that he established one of the world's greatest schools of seamanship, covering the fields of navigation, astronomy and cartography. Captains and pilots that emerged from this magnificent learning center set forth and bravely expanded the bounds of the known world.



Sitting on a cliff overlooking the site of his original school one evening, with the day's last rays of sunshine highlighting the imposing walls of the fortress against a bank of darkening clouds it was easy to imagine the courage it must have taken those early adventurers to sail off toward the horizon, leaving behind loved ones and the security of home for the hazards of the unknown. However great their apprehension I must assume that the knowledge received in Prince Henry's School must have assuaged to some degree the trepidations of the ensuing voyage.

Fast forwarding to the present it occurred to me that the earliest



traditions of the United States Power Squadron could be found in Prince Henry's School. The USPS' main



Educational Department

Lt/C Ann Einboden, AP SEO

SEO Report - February and March 2008

The **Squadron Boating Course** started Tuesday March 4th at the Friday Harbor Middle School and will run for 6 weeks. There are over 39 students enrolled and participating in this course. The exam will be held on April 15th, and any members who can assist will be much appreciated. The Course is the full version which includes chart work on both paper and electronic charts. It was decided to give a 50% discount to high school students taking the course, as this is the first year that 16 – 20 year olds are required to take a class and obtain their Boating Education Card. West Marine offered a combination package of plotter and high end dividers for \$39.99, which represented a \$10.00 saving. West Marine has also offered discounts on safety equipment to people who take the course and/or get a Vessel Safety Check.

Piloting has concluded. Congratulations to our new **Pilots**: Albert Blaylock, P, Janice Blaylock, P, Dave Cable, P, Burke Critchfield, P, Marie DiCristina, P, Ron DiCristina, P, Ed Ferro, P, Jan Ferro, P, Craig Green, P, Jean Griffin, P, Mike Griffin, P, Mary Hoeller, P, Michael Hoeller, P, Dean Mack, P, Barb Ray, P, Doug Ray, P, Anthony Vivencio, P, and Mary WillAllen, P. All of these members did very well on the exam. This class was co-taught by P/C Travis Smith, JN and Lt/C Ann Einboden, AP. Both instructors have been very impressed by the enthusiasm and dedication of the students in this “largest ever” Piloting class. Several people have expressed a desire for Advanced Piloting, which we hope to offer in the Fall of this year.

Cruise Planning: Nineteen students took their exam on March 1st at the San Juan Island Yacht Club. The class met at 0900 for review and discussion, which was followed by the exam. We are awaiting exam results. Now we can all get busy planning our summer cruises.

Engine Maintenance will begin on March 29th and run for four Saturdays from 0900-1200 at the Friday Harbor Middle School. Ed Ferro, P and Mike Close will be instructing. We have 23 members enrolled in this course. Anyone can sign up by contacting Ed Ferro at 378-3201 or ejferro@rockisland.com or Ann Einboden at 378-3288 or ein@rockisland.com. This “All New”, updated course has just been released and includes the newer types of engines and their upkeep. The course is not designed to make you into a proficient mechanic, but rather to give you the tools to intelligently diagnose problems and be able to communicate effectively with service providers. The book for this course will be \$45.00.

Instructor Development will be held April 16, 23 & 30, from 0900 – 1100. All Squadron members are welcome to take this very valuable class. It teaches how to give any public presentation effectively, but most especially prepares us to teach the Squadron Boating Course, and is required of all instructors in that course. There is no charge for the materials, and we will have some fun with it.

A First for USPS: **Seamanship** is now available on-line. In partnership with the University of West Florida (UWF), our Seamanship advanced grade course has been made available to those USPS members needing an alternative method of boating education. This is a narrated version of the classroom course with student manual and handouts. Self – study chapter questions are completed and corrected online for immediate feedback. The course exam is also online. The fee for this course is \$85.00, which will make us appreciate the reasonable charges for our classroom courses, but the convenience is valuable. To check it out, go to: http://www.usps.org/national/eddept/s/online_sea.htm.

Discounts: Software: We have Microsoft Word Professional 2007 (\$20.00), Microsoft Publisher 2007 (\$7.00) (which is also included in the Word disk), Microsoft Streets & Trips (\$2.00), Windows XP upgrade with Service Pak 2 (\$22.00), along with several older versions of Word. TechSoup is a company that distributes donated software to nonprofit groups, allowing us to purchase software at deep discounts and resell installations to our members. We can install each CD up to 50 times.

Other Discounts:

Go to www.usps.org and click on “**Member Benefits**”. There you will find a long list of discounts in Computer Hardware & Software from Maptech, Nobeltec, RosePoint, C-Map, Dell Computers, as well as McGraw Hill Publishers, West Marine, Airline & Car Rentals, Boat US, Boat Insurance and more. It’s definitely cost effective to take advantage of these great benefits.

Boating statistics have shown an increase in accidents, for a second straight year. According to Coast Guard statistics for 2006 (the most recently released statistics), boating accidents resulted in 710 deaths, 3,474 injuries and \$43,670,424.00 in property damage. The report suggests a correlation between boating fatalities and lack of boating education, failure to use PFD’s and alcohol consumption:

- 2/3 of all fatal boating accident victims drowned. Of those who drowned, 90% were not wearing a life jacket.
- A lack of boat operator instruction accounted for 71.3% of fatalities.
- Of the 710 fatalities, 133 were due to alcohol abuse.

Therefore, anything we can do to encourage people to take our Squadron Boating Course, is potentially life saving.

**IT WAS A NIGHT TO REMEMBER
February 7th**



AO Carolyn Bowen, P

We stepped out of the box for January and February by offering presentations in a two part series entitled: "World War II – A Tribute to America and Her Allies". Both meetings were well attended. In January, Ramsay Milne, our British ally, told of his ordeal in a lifeboat following the sinking of his ship. In February, we honored our own P/C Fred Hoepfner, in "An Evening with Fred", who presented the second part of the series. Fred spoke of his life, beginning as a Sea Scout, his Naval career as an Officer, and World War II Veteran and survivor of Pearl Harbor while aboard the USS California. Fred was seated in an easy chair in front of the fireplace, reminiscent of Roosevelt speaking to the Nation. Fred showed mementos of Pearl Harbor. Six other World War II Veterans present at this meeting were also recognized. Fred served as Commander of the Friday Harbor Power Squadron from 1985 to 1986. On a very special note, we also celebrated Fred's 90th birthday on this date as part of the evening's activities.

**A WORD FROM
FRED HOEPPNER**

7 February 2008 was a very memorable date for me. Not because I was lucky enough to reach age 90, but to share some experiences and recollections with you. A special thanks to Fred Bowen who suggested the event and made it possible. And, to all of you who kindly sat through it all.

73, (Navy radio speak for Best Regards)
Fred.



**March
and
April
BIRTHDAYS**

MARCH

- Bill Bates**
- Fred Bowen**
- Ed Ferro**
- Elaine Gifford**
- Bob Jamieson**
- Donald Pollard**
- Forbes Powell**
- Keith Van Cleve**
- Mary WillAllen**

APRIL

- Charles Carter**
- Patti Crenshaw**
- Diane Giesy**
- Peg Hoepfner**
- Mary Kalbert**
- Steve Percer**
- Bill Wertz**

RACING SEMINAR
Ahoy all you sailors,

The Friday Harbor Sailing Club will be conducting a Racing Seminar the four Wednesdays in March from 1930 - 2130 at the San Juan Island Yacht Club open to all rag sailors. The meetings are intended to sharpen the skills necessary for successful racing, competent seamanship and safety. Our own sailors will discuss starting rules and techniques, The Racing Rules of Sailing, sail trim, safety requirements and procedures, heavy weather sailing, seamanship and anything else of interest. The format of the meetings will be very informal.

For further information or questions contact:

FHSC Fleet Captain Paul Barger, 378-1333, pbarger@centruytel.net
Fred Hoepfner, 378-4213, fphoepfner@interisland.net



**The cardinal rule
of good taste in all
design, on land or sea,
is honesty of purpose.**

John G. Hanna

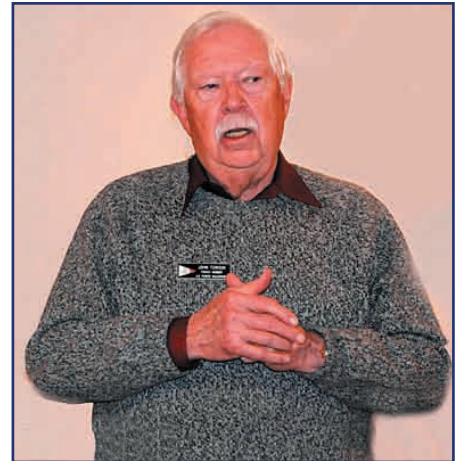


Monthly Meeting
March 6th

AO Carolyn Bowen, P

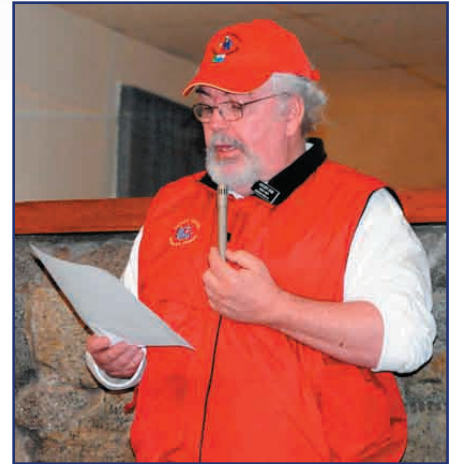
With the interesting and well attended two-part series honoring our World War II veterans behind us for the January and February programs, we kept up the pace by offering another outstanding program for March. On Thursday, March 6th, we had a first time event where Dennis Hazelton, Port Director, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, and Kathryn Pringle, Superintendent, Coastal Operations, Victoria, Canada, presented a joint program on what to expect this year for entry into Canada and for our return to the U.S. Officer Pringle was accompanied by agents, Jennifer Maudsley and Roger Van Kempen Seket. We had a packed house with many questions answered.

Kathryn Pringle
Dennis Hazelton



Convivialty
Friendships
Guests
Gourmet Food
Laughter, Smiles
Informative Program!





SAVE THE DATE
2008 Pocket Cruise
Saturday September 13



Last Year



TIP FROM THE CHIEF

Courtesy of Fred Hoepner

It is very important that you turn off the power to the boat completely, either at the dock circuit breakers or the vessel's main breaker. Turning off at the dock side is preferable, because some boats do not have a two-pole main breaker. If there is current flowing in the AC system when you pull the connector out of the socket you will draw an arc. The arcing current is very hot, thus burning the plastic connector. Inside the female connector there are



little springs that maintain good firm contact with the mating plug. When the contacts are (or more correctly, burn) inside the fitting, the temper is drawn out of the springs and good tight contact is lost. There will be ongoing minor arcing inside the connector which in time will cause more loss of contact. As time goes by, there will be more heating of the connectors and power loss across the connection. This could in the worst case set the dock or the boat on fire.



**REGISTER FOR OPENING DAY
 OPENING DAY FESTIVITIES**

SATURDAY MAY 3 CRUISE TO THE PORT AND DOCKTAIL PARTY
 SUNDAY MAY 4 BREAKFAST AND THE PARADE AT 1400 HOURS

SEND YOUR REGISTRATION (e-mailed on March 7) to:

Mike Griffin
 721 Golf Course Road
 Friday Harbor, WA 98250

A View From The Crow's Nest

Executive Committee Mtg.
05 February 2008

**ATTENDEES: X/O
Fred Bowen (chaired
the meeting), SEO
Ann Einboden,
Secretary Jan
Ferro, Membership
Chairman John
Towson, P/C Travis
Smith and Ed Ferro
representing Burke
Critchfield VSC
Chairman.**

Executive Committee Mtg.
04 March 2008

**ATTENDEES:
Commander Marc
Forlenza,
A/O Carolyn Bowen,
SEO Ann Einboden,
Secretary Jan Ferro,
Assistant A/O Mike
Griffin, P/C Travis
Smith, VSC Chair,
Burke Critchfield,
Ed Ferro and Penny
Woodall.**

A summary of
Ex/Com Minutes
may be obtained
by contacting



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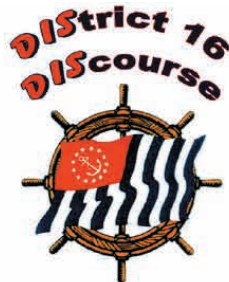
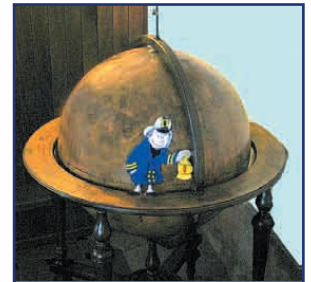


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function is educating boaters, teaching both the traditional and the latest skills of seamanship, that in turn have made seafaring a safer, (and thus more enjoyable) activity. This was precisely the goal of Henry the Navigator when he attracted the world's best mathematicians including Arabs and Jews to teach what was then the cutting edge of nautical knowledge.

This tradition has continued to this day through the halls of the world's maritime and naval academies. The USPS picked up the gauntlet in the early 20th century and has taught perhaps hundreds of thousands the skills necessary to venture forth, whether down a lazy river, along a winding coast, or across a vast ocean. The salt that runs through the veins of all those who have gone boating (sailing) down through the ages should be added to the list of DNA markers that make us all brothers and sisters of the sea.



D/Lt/C Travis Smith, JN

District 16 will hold its Spring Conference and Change of Watch on Saturday, March 15, at the Swinomish Yacht Club in La Conner and will be hosted by the Skagit Bay Sail and Power Squadron . It's a great opportunity for FHPS members to attend and have the opportunity to meet other District 16 Squadron and Bridge Members, along with learning more about what's happening at District and National levels. The Conferences are always enjoyable and a great learning experience for the attendees. You're guaranteed to leave with at least, half a dozen new friends!

On May 10, District 16 will hold its Educational Seminar hosted by the Everett Squadron. Again, close enough for any FHPS Members who choose to attend. If you plan on instructing any classes in the coming months, this event should be on your calendar. Ann Einboden and myself will be there for sure. Lots of new ideas, materials and training aids are shared and made available.

June 27-29, is the "big" District 16 Rendezvous at Pousbo which is an absolute fun cruise. Lizz and I attended in 2006, with Ron & Patti Crenshaw and around 50 boats from other Squadrons. Pousbo is a delightful and entertaining port of call and an opportunity to mingle with a fun group of fellow boaters and USPS Members. We already have the dates noted on our calendars and plan to attend while spending a few extra days gunk holing in Puget Sound.

Seafaring Words In Everyday Speech

Grin and Bear It . . . (endure all with good nature)

The prolific naval lexicographer Admiral William Smyth gave the following definition of this popular phrase: "The stoical resignation to unavoidable hardship, which being heard aboard ship by Lord Byron produced the fine stanza in *Childe Harold* commencing 'existence might (sic) be borne.' "

*Existence may be borne, and the deep root
Of life and sufferance make its firm abode
In bare and desolated bosoms; mute
The camel labours with the heaviest load,
And the wolf dies in silence not bestow'd
In vain should such example be; if they,
Things of ignoble or savage mood,
Endure and shrink not, we of nobler clay
May temper it to bear; it is but for a day.*



XO Fred Bowen, AP



CHANGE OF WATCH
April 3rd

Please mark your calendars for Thursday, April 3rd, for the Friday Harbor Power Squadron Change of Watch. This is the meeting where we install our Squadron officers and committee chairs for 2008 – 2009. We will have several District 16 Bridge Officers in attendance with District Commander Mark Richey, JN, swearing in our new Squadron officers.

This event will be held at the San Juan Island Yacht Club, beginning at 1730. A dinner of Wild Salmon or Prime Rib will be provided by the yacht Club at a cost of \$27 per person. You will need to bring your own wine or other beverage of choice. Glasses will be provided by the Yacht Club.

This is an important event for our Squadron. We hope you will be able to attend the ceremony and dinner. Please return your Clip-N-Mail's to XO Fred Bowen by March 25th.

**HOPE TO SEE
YOU THERE!**

PIG WAR
July 11 - 13



Save the date!

This year's annual Pig War is scheduled for July 11-13, again at Port Browning on North Pender Island. The "war" will be hosted by the Canadian Brentwood Bay Power Squadron. Practice your bocce ball skills--**we want the trophy back!!!**

FORTHCOMING

SPRING PICNIC
THURSDAY, MAY 1st

By: Carolyn Bowen,
Administrative Officer

Mark your calendars for Thursday, May 1st, for our Annual Spring Picnic and last official meeting of the season. Plans are tentatively under way to reserve the picnic area of the



San Juan
County Park

for that
evening.

More information will be coming
in a separate flyer.

Chart

1. A large piece of paper that is useful in protecting cabin and cockpit surfaces from food and beverage stains.
2. A common decorative motif on place mats.
3. A nautical map that assists the boatman in determining whether he is on the water (blue on charts) or on land (yellow)





Membership Department
John Towson - Chairman

- Jim and Sue Corenman Proud owners of the 50' sailboat "Heart of Gold" and the 24' power boat "Wonko."
- Chris and Susan Beauchamp New owners of a Nordic 37' power boat (no name yet).
- Bill and Maria Wertz Bill and Maria arrived in Friday Harbor from the Great Lakes area this past summer and presently live on their 42' sail boat.
- Albert and Margaret Hall and daughter, Kimball The Hall's recently purchased a 43' power boat named "Allegro."
- Donald & Mary Granger Proud owners of a 36' power boat named "Sonador."
- Edward (Craig) Green Craig is a transfer from the Sacramento Power Squadron. He recently moved to Friday Harbor and completed the Piloting course.



Our membership is now at 152 !

Piloting Class
January 22, 2008




Instructors
Travis Smith, JN
Ann Einboden, AP


VSC Report
Burke Critchfield
VSC Chair



We are starting off another year with eight inspections already completed. Our goal this year is two hundred which can only be accomplished with the help of everyone. Please call any one of the inspectors to set up a date and be ready for the coming season. We have some volunteers to become inspectors and as soon as they are qualified we will send their names and numbers to you. The present VSI are Ed and Jan Ferro -378-7235, Bill Paden -317-8394, Mac Douglas -370-5664 and Burke Critchfield 378-7235



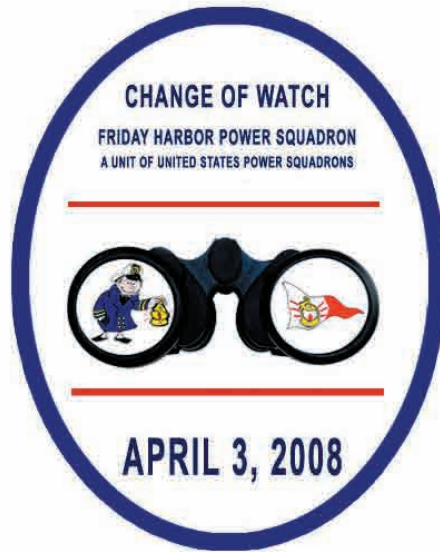
 **Yellow Polypro Line (3/8 in.), 600 feet. Works Great for Stern Ties.....On Spool & Never Used. (\$125) E-mail TNSLDS@aol.com**

 **Force 10 Barbecue, 160 sq.in. of grilling area, 12,000 BTU, Rectangular, Stainless Steel, Rail Mount. (\$85) E-mail TNSLDS@aol.com**

It was decided at the March general meeting to include a "For Sale" section in Harbor Lights issues. If you have a nautical item for sale, please send information to the editor, Lizz Divers-Smith at DesignsUnlimLtd@aol.com. Briefness would be appreciated due to limited space.

2008 - 2009 FHPS BRIDGE

Commander
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Educational Officer
Administrative Officer
Secretary
Treasurer



Fred Bowen, AP
Carolyn Bowen, P
Travis Smith, JN
Mike Griffin, P
Jan Ferro, P
Dan Watson

**SAN JUAN ISLAND YACHT CLUB
237 FRONT STREET**

1730 - 1900 APPETIZERS PROVIDED

**Please bring your own beverage - Yacht Club will provide glasses
1900 DINNER - DESSERT - CHANGE OF WATCH - AWARDS**

**CLIP-N-MAIL RESERVATION FORM
FHPS 2008 CHANGE OF WATCH
R.S.V.P. BY 25 MARCH**

Member(s) and Guest(s) Names

MY DINNER SELECTIONS ARE:

Wild Salmon _____
Prime Rib _____
Total Dinners _____ **(\$27.00 per person)**
Total Enclosed \$ _____ **(Payable to FHPS)**

**Kindly Return To:
XO Fred Bowen
PO Box 1565
Friday Harbor, WA 98250**

Questions: Call Fred Bowen at 378-5445

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District 16

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Dedicated to Education



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CLIP-N-MAIL
FOR CHANGE OF WATCH
3 APRIL 2008
ENCLOSED

Hope you can join us!

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COMING EVENTS

MARCH

5, 12, 19, 26
Racing Seminars (FH Sailing Club)
1930 - 2130
San Juan Island Yacht Club
14th - 16th
Spring Conference & CoW
Skagit Bay PS - Host
LaConner, WA

APRIL

1st 1300
ExCom Meeting - Library
3rd 1800
Change of Watch Banquet
SJIYC
29th 1300
ExCom Meeting - Library

MAY

1st
Annual Spring Picnic
Venue-Details flyer to be
sent soon
3rd
Opening Day Cruise to FH Port
4th
Breakfast & 1400 Parade FH Port

Mark your calendars:

July 11- 13 Pig War
Port Browning
Sept 13th - Pocket Cruise